

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE  
OF THE  
PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

**NO. 2003-4**

**LIFTING OF TEMPORARY STAY OF PENDING TRIALS  
AND/OR PENALTY HEARINGS IN  
CAPITAL FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CASES**

This 24th day of January, 2003,

It Appearing That the Supreme Court of Delaware has answered the certified questions of law in *Brice and Caulk v. State of Delaware*, Del. Supr., No. 468, 2002,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED** that Administrative Directive No. 2002-1 dated September 10, 2002, which provides for the temporary stay of all trials and penalty hearings in capital first-degree murder cases, be and it is hereby rescinded.

**IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED** because of the number of pending capital first-degree murder cases in New Castle County that Criminal Administrative Judge Jerome O. Herlihy is designated to coordinate and set trial schedules for all capital first-degree murder cases now pending in New Castle County. The trial dates on these cases thereafter may be modified by the assigned trial judge on application of the parties due to unforeseen circumstances and for good cause shown. In the event of a scheduling conflict between a capital first-degree murder case and a civil case, the assigned trial judge shall give priority to the criminal case and the civil case will be reassigned to a judge available to try it or rescheduled as may be appropriate.

/s/ Henry duPont Ridgely

President Judge

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